

bhajagovindam (ms subbalakṣmi's version)

1) bhaja-gōviṇḍam, bhaja-gōviṇḍam
gōviṇḍam bhaja mūḍhamatē
saṃprāptē saṇ-ṇihitē kālē
nahi nahi rakṣati dukriṇ karanē

Worship Govinda, Worship Govinda, Worship Govinda. Oh fool! Rules of Grammar will not save you at the time of your death.

2) muḍha jahī hi-dha nā-gama-triśnām
kuru sad-bhuḍḍhiṃ manasi vi-triśnām
yalla-bhasē nija karmō pāṭṭam
viṭṭam tēna vinōdaya chiṭṭam

Oh fool! Give up your thirst to amass wealth, devote your mind to thoughts to the Real. Be content with what comes through actions already performed in the past.

5) yāvad vētō pārjana śaktaḥ
stāvan nija pari vārō raktaḥ
paśchā jīvati jar-jara dēhē
vārtām kōpina prich-chati gēhē

So long as a man is fit and able to support his family, see the affection all those around him show. But no one at home cares to even have a word with him when his body totters due to old age.

11) mā-kuru dhana jana yau-vana garvaṃ
harati nimēṣaṭ kālaḥ sarvaṃ
māyā maya-midaṃ akhilaṃ hitvā
brahma-padaṃ tvaṃ praviśā veditvā

Do not boast of wealth, friends, and youth. Each one of these are destroyed within a minute. Free yourself from the illusion of the world of Maya and attain the timeless Truth.

19) sura mandira taru mūla nivāsaḥ
śaiyā bhūtalaṃ aji-naṃ vāsaḥ
sarva pari-graḥ bhōga tyāgaḥ
kasya sukhaṃ na-karōti virāgaḥ

Take your residence in a temple or below a tree, wear the deerskin for the dress, and sleep with mother earth as your bed. Give up all attachments and renounce all comforts. Blessed with such vairagya, could any fail to be content?

21) bhagavad gīta kiñchida dhītā
gaṇḡ jala lava kanikā pītā
sakri-dapi yēna murāri samrarchā
kriyatē tasya ya mēna-na charchā

Let a man read but a little from the Gita, drink just a drop of water from the Ganga, worship Murari just once. He then will have no altercation with Yama.

22) purnarapi jananaṃ punarapi maranaṃ
punarapi janani jatharē śayanaṃ
iha saṃ-sārē bahudustārē
kripayā pārē pāhi murārē

Born again, death again, birth again to stay in the mother's womb ! It is indeed hard to cross this boundless ocean of samsara. Oh Murari ! Redeem me through Thy mercy.

28) gēyaṃ gītā nāma sahasraṃ
dhēyaṃ śrīpati rūpa majasraṃ
nēyaṃ sajjana sangē chitṭaṃ
dēyaṃ dīnaja nāya-ca viṭṭaṃ

Regularly recite from the Gita, meditate on Vishnu in your heart, and chant His thousand glories. Take delight to be with the noble and the holy. Distribute your wealth in charity to the poor and the needy.

30) arthaṃ anarthaṃ bhāvaya niṭyaṃ
nāstita-taḥ śukha lēśā satyaṃ
putrā dapi dhana bhājāṃ bhītiḥ
sarva traisā vihitā rītiḥ

Wealth is not welfare, truly there is no joy in it. Reflect thus at all times. A rich man fears even his own son. This is the way of wealth everywhere.

32) guru-charanām bhuja nirbhara bhaktaḥ
samsāra dachi-rād-bhava muktaḥ
sēṇdriya mānasa niyamā dēvaṃ
drakśati nija hṛdayastam dēvaṃ

Oh devotee of the lotus feet of the Guru! May thou be soon free from Samsara. Through disciplined senses and controlled mind, thou shalt come to experience the indwelling Lord of your heart!